IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, as shown below, in which deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough and/or double brackets, and added terms are indicated with underscoring. Also, please add claims 13-18 as shown below. The following list of claims replaces all previous versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A light-illuminating device comprising:

a casing;

a transparent light guide accommodated in the casing; and

light sources provided on both ends, in [[the]] a longitudinal direction of the casing,

in which light from the light sources is introduced into the light guide, the light is reflected within the light guide and introduced in the longitudinal direction, and is allowed to be emitted from a light-emitting surface of the light guide along the longitudinal direction, [[and]]

wherein the light sources are attached to the casing, and the casing is divided into portions by a division formed therein which extends along a plane oriented substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the casing ~~in the longitudinal direction~~.

2. (Previously presented) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the divided portions of the casing are slidably engaged with each other.

3. (Previously presented) A light-illuminating device comprising:

an assembly of a casing and

a transparent light guide accommodated in the casing; and

light sources provided on both ends, in the longitudinal direction of the assembly, in which light from the light sources is introduced into the light guide, the light is reflected within the light guide and introduced in the longitudinal direction, and is allowed to be emitted from a light-emitting surface of the light guide along the longitudinal direction, and wherein at least one of the light sources is pressed against an end surface of the light guide with an elastic member which is formed integrally with the casing.

4. (Previously presented) A light-illuminating device comprising:

an assembly of a casing and

a transparent light guide accommodated in the casing; and

light sources provided on both ends, in the longitudinal direction of the assembly, in which light from the light sources is introduced into the light guide, the light is reflected within the light guide and introduced in the longitudinal direction, and is allowed to be emitted from a light-emitting surface of the light guide along the longitudinal direction, and wherein at least one of the light sources is attached directly to an end surface of the light guide.

5. (Previously presented) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to claim 1;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

6. (Previously presented) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to claim 2;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

7. (Previously presented) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to claim 3;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

8. (Previously presented) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to claim 4;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

9. (Previously presented) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the light sources abut against end surfaces of said light guide without gaps.

10. (Previously presented) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the casing and the light guide are formed of different materials, and the material of which the light guide is formed shrinks more with repeated thermal expansion and contraction than does the material of which the casing is formed.

11. (Previously presented) The line-illuminating device according to claim 3, wherein the casing and the light guide are formed of different materials, and the material of which the light guide is formed shrinks more with repeated thermal expansion and contraction than does the material of which the casing is formed.

12. (Previously presented) The line-illuminating device according to claim 4, wherein the casing and the light guide are formed of different materials, and the material of which the light guide is formed shrinks more with repeated thermal expansion and contraction than does the material of which the casing is formed.

13. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein an area is defined between the divided portions in which the divided portions are movable relative to each other along the light guide in the longitudinal direction of the light guide.

14. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein a gap is defined between adjacent portions of the casing exposing a portion of the light guide.

15. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the divided portions of the casing include overlapping ends which slide relative to each other in the longitudinal direction of the light guide.

16. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 3, wherein the elastic member is an elastic arm which presses the light source towards the light guide.

17. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 16, wherein the light source is disposed between an end of the light guide and the elastic arm.

18. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 4, wherein the end surface of the light guide has at least one member projecting therefrom, said at least one of the light sources has at least one hole defined therein which is adapted to receive said projecting member therein, and said at least one of the light sources is attached directly to the end surface of the light guide by placing the light source onto the end of the light guide with the projecting member fitted in the hole.

19. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 4, wherein the end surface of the light guide has plural members projecting therefrom, said at least one of the light sources has holes defined therein which are adapted to receive said projecting members therein, and said at least one of the light sources is attached directly to the end surface of the light guide by placing the light source onto the end of the light guide with the projecting members fitted in the holes, respectively.

20. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 19, wherein the projecting members extend in a longitudinal direction of the light guide.